

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following claims for the pending claims with the same number:

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1 1. (Amended) A method for protecting files distributed over a network,  
2 comprising ~~the steps of~~:  
3 displaying a ~~list of files~~ site map of folders and files in a  
4 server computer file system;  
5 generating protection status information in response to  
6 selection by a user of at least one of the files in the ~~list of files~~ site map; and  
7 sending the protection status information to a server  
8 computer.

1 2. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said displaying ~~step~~ displays a  
2 ~~list of files~~ the site map together with a corresponding protection status for  
3 each file in the ~~list of files~~ site map, and wherein the method further comprises  
4 the step of modifying protection status of at least one of the files, and wherein  
5 said sending ~~step~~ sends modified protection status information to a the server  
6 computer.

1 3. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising recording the  
2 protection status information in a protection status database.

1 4. (Amended) A system for protecting files distributed over a network,  
2 comprising:  
3 a user interface displaying a ~~list of files~~ site map of folders and  
4 files in a server computer file system;  
5 a protection status manager generating protection status  
6 information in response to selection by a user of at least one of the files in the ~~list~~  
7 ~~of files~~ site map; and  
8 a transmitter sending the protection status information to a server  
9 computer.

1 5. (Amended) The system of claim 4 wherein said user interface displays a ~~list~~  
2 ~~of files~~ the site map together with a corresponding protection status for each file  
3 in the ~~list of files~~ site map, and wherein the protection status manager modifies

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4 protection status of at least one of the files, and wherein said transmitter sends  
5 modified protection status information to a the server computer.

1 6. (Original) The system of claim 4 further comprising a database manager  
2 recording the protection status information in a protection status database.

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